

ONE of the most entertaining games seen at Loakes Park this season was Wycombe Wanderers' F.A. Cup first round match against Cheltenham Town, which Wycombe won 3-1. Local fans have a chance to see these two teams in action tonight (Tuesday), when the Blues entertain the Southern League side in a friendly, writes **Michael Knox**.

Cheltenham, currently trying to gain promotion from Division One (North), have had close connections with Wycombe since Julian Lailey joined them three years ago and they arrange regular friendlies against each other at least once a season.

The Wycombe management have the chance to give some of the 'squad' members a game, although assistant manager John Reardon is fully aware that the side cannot afford to be weakened too drastically, as The Robins are a strong side.

"They are one of the best Southern League sides I've seen," says Mr Reardon. "They are a well organised outfit and will be out to show that our 3-1 victory over them in the F.A. Cup, was a false result."

One reserve player, who will definitely turn out is goalkeeper Brian Steventon, thus giving John Maskell a well-deserved rest. Steventon has impressed in training, but he was given a rough ride in his only competitive match — the F.A. Trophy game which Ilford won 3-0.

Dylan Evans will almost certainly play instead of Tony Horseman, who received heavy bruising in Saturday's match at Clapton. Terry Reardon, who suffered an ankle injury in the same game, is another doubt.

Cheltenham's star player is striker Dave Lewis, who has scored the remarkable number of 42 goals this season. Lewis, who once had a trial for Wanderers, is partnered upfront by the former Oxford United marksman, Ken Skeen.

Their probable side is: Hall; Crosby, Powell, Jeffries, Lailey, Skeen, Wagstaffe, Dangerfield, Casey, Lewis, Jones. Sub: ~~Davis~~